

**APPROVED
OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

**Tuesday, November 9, 2004 2:32 PM
Fillmore Administration Building - Board Room
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 2:32 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

The Clerk led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Disselkoe, Berghorst, VanderLaan, Vander Kam. (11)

Staff & Guests: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Rosemary Zink, Finance Director; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Daniel Krueger, County Clerk; Gary Scholten, Register of Deeds; Mary Richardson, Treasurer; Roscoe DeVries; June Hagan, Accounting Director; Rich Schurkamp, Human Services Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Media

Work Session Items

A. Flexible E Benefit Request - Discussion on the summary of the Flexible E Benefit for retirees. The annual cost to the County would be \$9,560.21. If the Board would pass this one time increase, a Resolution needs to be sent to MERS by December 4, 2004, in order for it to take effect next year. The E Benefit has only been available since 1996. Administration doesn't believe it's a good practice to go back in time for retired employees as you do not know what else MERS will come up with.

B. PDR Discussion - Mike Bronkema addressed the Board on the Resolution passed by Olive and Wright Townships calling for the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to establish a Farmland Preservation Program. The Administrator reported this has been taken up by the Planning Commission in the past and they voted not to do this. The Michigan Farm Bureau is supporting the Farmland Preservation Program. The Administrator and staff will bring back a proposed plan of action to the next meeting so the Board can make a decision.

C. Drug Court Update - Kevin Bowling was unable to attend the meeting today.

D. Board Salary/Per Diem - June Hagan, Accounting Director, explained the current salary and per diem of the Board Members. 2004 Salary Data for selected counties was also reviewed. The cost savings for the Accounting Department would be \$1,300 a year if the Board went with a salary and not per diem. The Administrator reported a solid majority of the Board members prefer to stay with per diem.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk
Of the Board of Commissioners

DENNIS W. SWARTOUT, Chairman
Of the Board of Commissioner

Agenda

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To All Ottawa County Commissioners:

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Tuesday, November 9, 2004**, following the Board of Commissioners meeting for the regular **November Work Session Meeting** of the Board at the Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex, West Olive, Michigan.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comments
5. Work Session Items:
 - A. Flexible E Benefit Requests
 - B. PDR Discussion
 - C. Drug Court Update (Kevin Bowling)
 - D. Board Salary/Per Diem
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment